

# CHENA RIVER USERS

## what to expect with bridge construction

Alaska DOT&PF is replacing the University Avenue Bridge and the Wendell Avenue Bridge in 2021. If you are inexperienced or want to have a relaxing river trip, we suggest you avoid these construction zones. If you do travel through them, here's what to expect.

### **YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW HOW TO CONTROL YOUR BOAT.**

- The channel under the bridge will be narrow, water will be moving faster, and there could be hazards in the water.
- Construction zones will be "no wake zones" so motorized boats will need to slow down.
- Height clearance will be similar to the Peger Bridge.

### **PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS.**

- You will see signs at the boat launches and along the river.
- River traffic traveling with the flow of the river will have the right-of-way under bridges, and opposing traffic will need to yield.
- Always wear a life jacket and never drink or use substances while navigating the river!

### **THE RIVER WILL STAY OPEN EXCEPT FOR SHORT, INTERMITTENT CLOSURES.**

- Starting in mid-May and through most of the summer, daytime river traffic will be stopped intermittently for roughly 20 minutes at a time.
- The short closures will happen when the construction crew is placing girders over the channel or removing structures.
- We will notify river users at nearby boat launches and with flaggers at the river when the closures are taking place.